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REMARKS

An Office Action was mailed August 10, 2006.

Claim 40 was allowed. Claims 14-18, 20, 22-26, and 30-35 stood rejected on a first ground. Claims 1-13 and 36-39 stood rejected on a second ground.

The disposition of claims 19, 21 and 27-29 was unclear.

The Examiner, in a telephone conversation with Applicant's representative, indicated that the claims were allowable if rewritten to independent form. The Examiner is thanked for the indication of allowability. Consistent thereto, Applicant amends the subject matter of independent claim 18, from which claim 19 depends, into claim 19; the subject matter of independent claim 20, from which claim 21 depends into claim 21; and the subject matter of independent claim 26, from which claim 27 depends into claim 27.

Further, claim 23 depends from claim 21, claim 24 depends from claim 23, and the second claim 25 (now claim 41) depends from claim 24. These claims also appear allowable.

Claim 40 is amended to correct a typographical error.

All dependent claims are allowable for at least the same reasons as the independent claim from which they depend.

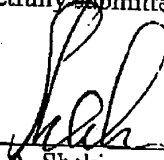
In view of the remarks set forth above, this application is in condition for allowance which action is respectfully requested. However, if for any reason the Examiner should consider this application not to be in condition for allowance, the Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned attorney at the number listed below prior to issuing a further Action.

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